procedures. The IMD also send advisory messages to Mauritius Meteorological Service whenever there is a cyclonic storm in the vicinity of Mauritius.

(b) An Agreement on Co-operation in the field of Science and Technology between India and Mauritius was signed in New Delhi in January, 1990.

(c) The bilateral Science and Technology Agreement provides for cooperation inter-alia in the fields of agriculture, oceanography, atmospheric sciences, medical research, building research, environment and renewable energy on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. Such cooperation will be effected through visits of scientists, bilateral seminars, identification of scientific and technical problems of common interest and formulation and implementation of joint research programmes.

The agreement is valid for a period of five years and shall be automatically extended for further periods of five years at a time, unless either party gives notice to the other party of its intention to terminate this agreement 12 months before the expiry of the said period.

[*Translation*]

Implementation of Reservation Policy for SCs/STs in Various Departments

4960. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the names of such departments where the reservation policy for scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is not implemented and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): This Ministry is not aware of any Ministry Department where the Policy of Reservation is not being implemented.

[*English*]

Black Marketing of Butter

4961. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether butter in Delhi is out of stock;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the butter is being sold in black market at much higher rates; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to prevent the black marketing of butter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Price of Newsprint

4962. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that four Public Sector Paper Mills have increased their price of newsprint recently;

(b) if so, the impact thereof on the newspaper industry;

(c) whether the Indian Newspaper Society have recently represented to the Government for immediate reduction of prices; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The impact of the increased price of indigenous newsprint on the Newspaper industry has been to the extent the newspaper industry consumes the indigenous newsprint.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is, at present, no statutory control over the prices of indigenous newsprint. However, any revision in the price of indigenous newsprint is kept under ex-post periodic review by Government.

Steps to Standardise Computer Training and Education

4963. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to standardise and regulate computer training and education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government of India, Department of Electronics vide Resolution, dated 16th August, 1990, have announced a scheme under which private sector computer training institutes meeting the defined quality and service standards would be given accreditation for conducting certain specified courses viz. O(Foundation), A(Advance Diploma), B(Graduate) and C(Post-Graduate) levels computer courses.

(c) Does not arise.

Fresh Recruitment under Barred Categories in Central Government/Public Undertakings for SCs/STs

4964. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make fresh recruitment of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes under barred categories in the Central Government offices and Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) the employment provided to SCs/STs and other backward classes under reserved quota in the Central Government offices/Public Sector Undertakings separately during the last three years, year-wise and the vacancies likely to be available for these reserved categories during the next three years; and

(c) the special facilities proposed to be provided to SCs/STs and other backward classes youth to compete for technical and administrative services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). The process of filling-up vacancies including reserved vacancies in various Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings is an ongoing process. In each recruitment exercise, efforts are made to appoint SC/ST persons against their reserved share in all categories of posts to which reservation apply. Special Recruitment Drives have also been resorted to appoint SC/ST candidates to clear the backlog of vacancies reserved for them.

The employment provided to SC/ST persons in the Central Government/Public Sector Undertakings for the years 1987, 88 and 89 is indicated below: